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PERIODIC REPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

This publication lists the periodic reports of Agricultural Economics, gives approximate issue dates of most, and tells where and how to get the ones you want.

The crop and livestock reports (p. 4) give new figures, with little or no economic analysis. The outlook and situation reports (p. 9) analyze the figures in terms of supplies and use of particular products and give the resulting outlook for prices and farm income. Some situation reports also provide key statistics for the first time.

Reports are issued from Washington, D.C., except where noted. If you want a sample copy of a report, or want to be added to a mailing list, write to the address at the beginning of the section in which the report is listed, and explain specifically what you want.

If you need county figures, get them from the Census of Agriculture, taken every 5 years by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. In some States and for some subjects, the State Agricultural Statistician may be able to give later county estimates.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture annually publishes Agricultural Statistics, containing current and historical data. A limited free distribution is made to agricultural libraries and Members of Congress. Copies of Agricultural Statistics are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE PERIODICALS

General SRS Reports

Agricultural Situation, a monthly magazine, reviews timely marketing and economic developments affecting farmers. Free distribution is limited to voluntary unpaid crop, livestock, and price reporters, county agents, and other local agricultural workers, and to libraries, the press, and Government officials. Subscriptions are \$1.00 a year (foreign \$1.50). Make checks payable to the Superintendent of Documents and send orders to the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Statistical Summary is a 4-page roundup of current agricultural statistics. It features a timely situation in depth of a farm commodity, carries summaries of crop and livestock production, and initiates certain tables: Monthly cash receipts, by States; index of volume of farm marketings, nationally and by States; farm-retail price spreads and the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar; cattle on feed, hogs and pigs; and (from July through December) indexes of farm output, including livestock and crops, acreage, and per acre yields. It is issued monthly about 2 weeks after release of the Crop Production report. For sample copies or addition to the mailing list, write the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Crop and Livestock Reports

The Crop Reporting Board of the Statistical Reporting Service issues many periodic reports on crop production and related information. The reports are publicized by press, radio, and television. Copies are available immediately after release. For most reports, mailing lists are maintained for prompt distribution. If you want sample copies or regular mailings of specific reports, write the Crop Reporting Board, Statistical Reporting Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 or to the field office issuing the report.

Reports, unless specified, are issued by the Washington office and generally include estimates by States. Segments, reissued through the 43 offices of the State agricultural statisticians, focus on local condition. Information on State reports may be obtained from offices listed at right.

Note: This publication lists only periodic reports. Many nonperiodic reports and speeches are also published by ERS and SRS. These are listed in the Checklist of Reports, issued monthly by Agricultural Economics. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Checklist, write the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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³For Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

1970 calendar of release dates for major crop, livestock, and price reports¹. (3:00 P.M., unless noted)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cotton Production (11:00 A.M.).....					8		8	10	8	8	9	8
Crop Production.....	9	10	10	10	11	10	10	11	11	12	10	10
Prospective Plantings.....			13									
Annual Summary.....												18
1971 Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings.....												23
Crop Values.....												29
<u>Field and Seed Crops</u>												
Field and Seed Crops - Annual Summary.....					7							
Grain Stocks in All Positions.....	22		18	23	19	18	23	19	18	22	18	17
Naval Stores.....	19	18		20	14		20			20		
Annual Summary.....			25	24	25	25	24	25	25	23	25	24
Peanut Stocks and Processing.....	23	25								19		
Seasonal Report.....								11				
Popcorn.....								6	8			
Potatoes and Sweetpotatoes - Annual Summary...												
Potato Sales, U.S., Utilization of.....												
Potato Stocks.....												
Rice Stocks.....	12	11	11	23				27		22		11
Seed Crop Forecasts.....	22							x	x	x		x
Other Seed Reports.....			19			x	x	5,18	24			18
Soybean Stocks in All Positions.....			18						18			
Stocks of Hops.....												
<u>Fruits and Nuts</u>												
Apples - Production by Varieties.....								18		2		2
Bush berries.....												18,29
Cranberries.....												
Cranberries - Indicated Production (1:00 P.M.)										2		
Fruits, citrus - Annual Summary.....												
Fruits, noncitrus, Annual Summary, Part 1 ² ...					1		1					
Part II ²												
Tree Cherry Report.....						19		3				
Tree Nuts - Annual Summary.....												
<u>Vegetables</u>												
Onion Stocks in Storage.....	16											
Vegetables - Fresh Market.....	8	9	9	8	8	8	9	7	9	8	9	8,17
N.Y. Cabbage Stocks.....	8											8
Vegetables - Processing.....	8											
Cucumbers for Pickles Stocks.....												
Celery Report (Fla. and Calif.).....			9	8,20	8,22	8,23	9,21	7	9	8	9	17
Tomatoes (Fla.).....	5	4	4	6	4	4	6	4	4	5	4	4
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¹ Tuesday of each week during planting and harvesting

See footnotes at end of table.

1970 calendar of release dates for major crop, livestock, and price reports¹ (3:00 P.M., unless noted)--Continued

Title	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<u>Milk and Dairy Products</u>												
Evaporated, Condensed and Dry Milk.....	29	27	31	30	28	30	31	31	30	30	30	31
Fluid Milk and Cream.....	20	20	20	21	21	19	21	20	21	20	20	21
Milk Production.....	12	11	11	13	12	11	13	12	14	13	12	11
Milk - Production, Disposition, and Income.....				24			21					
Production of Manufactured Dairy Products, 1969												
Reports released at Chicago - See Page 3:												
Production of Cottage Cheese.....	29	27	27	29	27	29	29	28	29	29	27	29
Production of Creamery Butter & Cheese.....	28	26	25	28	26	26	28	26	28	28	25	28
Production of Ice Cream & Related												
Frozen Products.....	21	20	20	22	21	22	22	21	22	22	20	22
Milk Prices Paid by Creameries and Cheese												
Plants, by States.....	30	27	30	30	28	30	30	31	30	30	30	31
Weekly American Cheese Production.....												
Weekly American Cheese Warehouse Report.....												
Weekly Creamery Butter Production.....												
<u>Livestock and Livestock Products</u>												
Cattle and Calves Reports.....	16	13	13	16	13	12	17,23	13	11	15	13	14
Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production.....	29	26	30	29	27	29	29	28	29	29	27	30
1969 Revisions, by States and Months and												
Total Livestock Slaughter, Meat and				29								
Lard Production.....												
Honey - Annual Summary.....	23						22					
Other Honey Reports.....												
Livestock and Poultry Inventory, Jan. 1, 1970.		6										
Meat Animals - Annual Summary.....				23								
Wool and Mohair Production and Value, 1969....				14								
Shorn Wool Production, 1970.....							27					23
Hogs and Pigs.....			20						22		17	
Sheep and Lambs.....	15	20	16			24	27					
Special Range Reports:												
Cattle on Pastures (Sections of Kansas												
and Oklahoma).....												
Western Range and Livestock.....	12	12	12	14	12	12	14	13	15	14	12	11
Special Wheat Pasture.....									23	23	25	23
<u>Poultry and Eggs</u>												
Chickens and Eggs, Commercial Broilers-Annual.				22								
Commercial Broilers Produced and Broiler												
Chicks Placed in 22 States, 1969.....												
Egg Products-Liquid, Frozen, Solids, Production			6									3
Hatch Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys.....	5,30	2,27	17	29	27	29	30	28	17	1,29	16	16
	16	16		17	15	16	16	14				

Title	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<u>Poultry and Eggs--continued</u>												
Layers, Potential Layers, and Egg Production, 1968 and 1969.....	5,28		4									
Poultry - Slaughter and Processing.....		6	4	1,28		3	2,29		2,29	28		2
Poultry Inventory (See Livestock and Poultry Inventory, Jan. 1, 1970).....		6										
Turkey Breeder Hens, Jan. 1, 1970.....		6										
Turkey Breeder Hens, 1971 Intentions.....									18			
Turkeys - Raised, 1970 Intentions.....	28											
Turkeys Raised, 1970.....								24				
Turkeys - Annual Summary.....				1								
Weekly Turkey Report - released in States concerned - see Page 3.....						Thursday of each week ³						
Weekly Broiler Report - released at Richmond, Va., - see Page 3.....						Wednesday of each week ³						
<u>Other Reports</u>												
Agricultural Prices.....	30	27	30	30	28	30	30	31	30	30	30	31
Agricultural Prices, Annual Summary.....						x						
Prices Received by Farmers for Manufacturing Grade Milk in Minnesota and Wisconsin.....												
Cold Storage.....	15	16	16	15	15	15	15	17	x 16	16	17	15
Regional Cold Storage Holdings for 1969.....			27		4					27		
Commercial Fertilizers, Consumption of.....												
Flowers and Foliage Plants, 23 States.....				15								
Farm Labor.....	13	10	10	13	11	10	10	11	11	12	10	10
Farms.....	9											
Mushrooms.....								21				
Number of Livestock Slaughter Plants.....												
Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses.....												
Directory Refrigerated Warehouses.....			9	28	13							

1. Actual titles are given unless several reports with different titles but similar content are released during the month or year, in which case reports are grouped under one heading. The symbol "x" in the columns means that no specific date has been set for release of the report, or in the case of Seed Crop Forecasts, it means that several reports on different seeds are issued during the month. A more detailed schedule and description of the contents of the various crop and livestock reports is available separately, on request. Ask for "1970 Issuance Dates and Contents of Reports Released by the Crop Reporting Board."

2. Part I - Apricots, sweet and sour cherries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, and bush berries. Part II - Apples, avocados, cranberries, dates and olives.

3. Unless holidays conflict, in which case release is on the next business day.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE PERIODICALS

For sample copies or addition to the mailing list for reports in this and following sections, write the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. The code initials or Department series under which a report is issued is given (generally) at the end of its description.

Costs and Returns on Typical Farms

The following annual publications give results of a continuing nationwide study of costs and returns on typical farms and ranches by type and size in some important U.S. farming regions.

Farm Costs and Returns . . . Commercial Farms, by Type, Size, and Location, summarizes results of farm operations in the year preceding the year of issue for 21 important types of commercial farms in major U.S. producing areas. It shows comparisons with previous years. It is issued in the Agriculture Information Bulletin series.

The reports listed below include, for the types of farms named, the following information: Farm size, land use, livestock numbers, crop and livestock production, investment, cash receipts, cash expenditures, net cash farm income, value of perquisites, change in inventories of livestock and machinery and buildings, and return to operator and family for labor and management, and return to total capital. Index numbers are available for five important items. A map locates each type of farm studied. Tables show the amount of land, labor, and capital associated with each type of farm. These reports carry the code FCR.

Costs and Returns, Commercial Dairy Farms, Central New York and Southeastern Wisconsin

Costs and Returns, Commercial Egg-Producing Farms, New Jersey

Costs and Returns, Commercial Broiler Farms, Maine, Delmarva, and Georgia

Costs and Returns, Commercial Corn Belt Farms

Costs and Returns, Commercial Cotton Farms, Mississippi Delta

Costs and Returns, Commercial Tobacco Farms, Coastal Plain, North Carolina

Costs and Returns, Commercial Tobacco-Livestock Farms, Bluegrass Area, Kentucky and Pennyroyal Area, Kentucky-Tennessee

Costs and Returns, Commercial Wheat Farms, Plains and Pacific Northwest

Costs and Returns, Western Livestock Ranches

Production and Efficiency

Changes in Farm Production and Efficiency, an annual publication, presents major statistical series on farm production, production inputs, and efficiency. It provides in one place the latest information for appraising production trends, changes in farm inputs and practices, uses of cropland, animal units of breeding livestock, improvement in labor productivity, and the progress of farm mechanization. It is issued in the SB series.

Four supplements give detailed data by farm production region. Supplement I has index numbers of farm production for each of certain groups of livestock and crops; Supplement II shows acres of cropland used for crops; Supplement III gives man-hours of farm labor used for each of these groups; and Supplement IV contains index numbers of farm production per man-hour for each group.

Livestock-Feed Relationships, a Statistical Bulletin, revised annually, provides current national, regional, and State data. Three sets of index numbers of animal units show changes in livestock numbers as weighted by each of three kinds of feed consumption. Two sets of index numbers show changes in livestock production as weighted by two kinds of feed consumption. Another index of animal units shows changes based on consumption of high-protein feeds. Each supplement also includes preliminary estimates of total feed consumption by each major kind of livestock and poultry, as well as a general estimate of the balance between feed production and consumption by States.

Farm Finance Reports

The Agricultural Finance Review is an annual publication; a supplement is issued later in the year. The Review discusses current developments and research findings in agricultural finance. Signed articles report on concepts and research in a broad range of agricultural finance issues as they relate to farm and rural credit, financial management, insurance, income, farm supply and marketing industries, financial institutions, rural government, taxation, rural economic development, and the organization of agricultural production. Authors are usually Economic Research Service Economists and economists in cooperative research programs or closely allied work in agricultural finance. Included in the Review are newsnotes on important developments in agricultural finance and reviews of pertinent books. The supplement is a basic source of financial data on U.S. agriculture. It is intended for use by agricultural groups, government officials, economists, and educators needing detailed data by States and regions. A volume number and date are shown for each issue of the Review and supplement.

The Balance Sheet of the Farming Sector, issued annually, carries forward the comparative balance sheet, first prepared for 1940. The balance sheet is as of January 1 of the year issued. It views the farm sector of agriculture as one large enterprise. It brings together the individual series of farm assets and the claims to these assets. In effect, it is a consolidated balance sheet of all farms, but it is not restricted to the assets and debts of farm operators. It also includes farm assets owned and farm-mortgage debt owed by nonoperators. It is in the AIB series.

Farm Real Estate Taxes, an annual publication, shows the amount per acre and the amount per \$100 of full value levied on farm real estate, by years and by States and regions. Total taxes levied by years are also included. Code RET.

Farm-Mortgage Debt is issued annually. It shows the total amount of farm-mortgage debt outstanding and the amounts held by principal lender groups, nationally for a number of years and by States for the most recent year. Code FMD.

Farm-Mortgage Lending Experience is a semiannual report of selected life insurance companies, the Federal land banks, and the Farmers Home Administration. It compares the mortgages owned at the beginning of the period, the mortgages acquired and repaid during the period, and those owned at the end of the period. Other items are included, such as data on mortgage loan commitments, mortgages in process of foreclosure, and interest rates. Code FML.

Characteristics of Farm Mortgages Recorded January 1 Through June 30, issued biennially, reports (for odd years) the average interest rates, average size, and average term of farm real estate mortgages made and recorded in 48 States by the various lenders. Data are reported by farm economic regions and also by farm credit districts. Prior to 1967, data were for January 1 through March 31. Issued in ERS series.

Situation and Outlook Reports

These reports summarize the current situation and present economic outlook. An annual issue of each situation report covers outlook information for the coming year.

The commodity situation reports in the table on the next page analyze the supply, demand, price, and outlook for the major farm products. Tables and charts present current data on production, market movement, stocks, consumption, prices, and foreign trade. The reports often carry relevant special studies.

Agricultural Finance Outlook gives the national situation and outlook for farm income, the financial condition of farmers, farm real estate, farm debts and assets, and a projected balance sheet of the farming sector. A section of the report deals with the situation and outlook for each farm production region. Code AFO.

The Agricultural Outlook Digest, a monthly newsletter, briefs the outlook and changes in commodity situations. Code AOD.

The Demand and Price Situation reviews factors affecting the domestic and foreign demand for farm products. It also briefly reviews farm income and general trends in demand, supply, and prices of major farm products and the principal farm inputs. Code DPS.

Report	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cotton Situation	(22)29		(27)3		(22)1			(24)1		(23)30		
Dairy Situation			(9)13		(4)11		(2)10		(1)9		(3)10	
Fats & Oils Situation	(21)28		(31)7			(25)6			(28)5		(19)27	
Feed Situation	(29)6		(6)13	(21)28				(21)28			(20)30	
Fruit Situation	(23)30					(29)7		(26)3		(30)6		
Livestock & Meat Situation ..	(30)9		(11)18		(5)12			(3)10		(5)12	(12)19	
Poultry & Egg Situation		(13)24		(10)17		(11)18			(10)17		(4)12	
Rice Situation			(19)25						(22)29			
Tobacco Situation			(26)2			(24)1			(23)1			(21)30
Vegetable Situation	(26)2			(24)1			(29)5			(28)4		
Wheat Situation	(27)4				(14)22		(28)4				(10)18	
Wool Situation		(13)20		(23)30				(10)17		(26)1		
Agricultural Finance Outlook.	(28)5											
Agricultural Outlook Digest .		2/18	2/6	2/1	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/3	2/2	2/3	2/3	2/2
Demand & Price Situation		(6)13			(8)15		(31)7				(13)20	
Farm Cost Situation		(12)19										
Farm Income Situation		2/16					2/28					
Farm Real Estate Market Developments			(2)9			3/						
Marketing & Transportation Situation		(11)18			(11)18			(4)11			(6)16	
National Food Situation		(10)17			(7)14			(5)12			(9)17	
World Agricultural Situation.		(4)11										

1/ On the first dates shown, summaries will be available to the press from the Press Service, Office of Information; on the second, the complete report will be released, and single copies can be obtained from the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.
2/ No early release of summary to press; full report available on date shown. 3/ Release planned in month indicated.

The Farm Cost Situation discusses farm labor, farm power and machinery, feeds, livestock on feed, seeds, fertilizer, building materials, pesticides, land values and rentals, interest, taxes and insurance, and costs on farms of different types. Tables show index numbers of prices paid for goods and services used in production; numbers of machines on farms; feed supplies in relation to livestock; retail seed prices; value of farm real estate; and net income, total production, and operating expenses on commercial farms, by type. The report gives the outlook for farm costs in the year ahead and analyzes the effects of changing technology on farm costs. Code FCS.

The Farm Income Situation gives estimates of cash receipts from farm marketings, by commodity groups, and Government payments; index numbers of cash receipts and of physical volume of farm marketings; and State estimates of cash receipts from sales of crops and livestock. Each issue gives quarterly estimates of gross and net farm income, seasonally adjusted at annual rates. The report also compares farm and nonfarm incomes. A State supplement shows Government payments to farmers, value of home consumption for crops and livestock, gross and net farm income; farm production expenses, cash receipts, and home consumption, by detailed commodities; and cash receipts from farm marketings by States, by major individual commodities. Code FTS.

Farm Real Estate Market Developments, issued twice a year, summarizes trends in farmland values, volume of sales, financing of farm purchases, and factors affecting the land market. Each issue includes index numbers of estimated average value per acre by States. Graphic material is included. Code CD. For tables showing values of farm real estate over a period of years, see Agricultural Statistics referred to on page 2.

The Marketing and Transportation Situation, published quarterly, contains analyses of and statistics on the U.S. average retail cost of a market basket of farm foods, the returns received by farmers for these products, and the spread between these returns and the retail cost. Similar information is given for individual food products. The marketing bill for farm food products and related statistics are published once a year. Data on costs of goods and services used by marketing firms are also published. Each issue includes special articles on marketing and transportation of farm products. Code MTS.

The National Food Situation details per capita consumption of major foods, nutrients available for civilian consumption, indexes of the annual supply and use of farm food commodities, retail food price indexes, the Consumer Price Index, total food expenditures, and the percentage of income spent for food. It includes the outlook for food expenditures, retail prices, and consumption. Some issues carry special analyses on various aspects of food consumption and prices. Code NFS.

The World Agricultural Situation, published annually in February, appraises the state of world agriculture for the year just ended and the outlook for the ensuing year. It is in the FAER series. Regional situation reports and data books are issued in April, and supplemented by brief midyear reviews in September, for the following regions: Western Hemisphere, Western Europe, the Communist Areas, Far East, Africa and Middle East. Each report gives data by country on agricultural output, use, trade, and trends. These reports are in the ERS-Foreign series.

Farm Population, Manpower, and Level-of-Living Reports

Farm Population Estimates, usually issued annually, estimates the current farm population distribution by geographic regions and divisions and estimates the components of annual change (births, deaths, and migration) in the farm population for the United States and for the geographic areas. Special reports occasionally are issued that contain a historical array of estimates for the years from 1910 on, or which contain estimates for States for intercensal dates. Published in ERS series.

The Census-ERS Series, prepared cooperatively with the Bureau of the Census, provides annual estimates of the farm population distribution by age, sex, labor force status, and, at times, by other characteristics. Census-ERS Series and Farm Population Estimates contain the same estimate of the total U.S. farm population, but the distributions shown in each are obtained independently. Series Census-ERS P-27.

The Hired Farm Working Force, a summary report on agricultural workers in the United States, has been published for most years since 1945. The reports are based on data obtained for ERS by the Bureau of the Census in one of its monthly Current Population Surveys. The reports cover all persons 14 years of age and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States who did any farm wage work during the year. Information includes time worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm work by color, sex, age, employment duration, migratory status, type of residence, and chief activities of the worker. In addition, each survey gives special information on such items as educational status, total household wage earnings, and skill levels of farm labor. It is issued in the AER series.

Farm-Operator Level-of-Living Indexes for Counties of the United States are published every 5 years. They are derived from the Censuses of Agriculture and are computed for the country as a whole, regions, geographic divisions, States, State economic areas, and counties. Occasionally, as a result of national or regional surveys, special reports show interim changes in farm-operator levels of living and carry methodological experiments in the construction of level-of-living indexes. These reports are in the SB series.

Reports on U.S. Foreign Trade and Agricultural Products

Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, a monthly review, emphasizes the current status and outlook for U.S. agricultural trade, including food aid shipments and price developments, and monthly quantity indexes for selected commodity groups. Special analyses of U.S. exports to the European Economic Community show the impact of EEC's variable

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U.S. Foreign Agricultural Trade Annual Supplements:

Trade by Commodities carries detailed tables of the quantity and value of annual exports and imports for 2 years, quantity indices of annual exports and imports for several years, and historical series. There are two reports, one by calendar year and one by fiscal year.

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